

I would like to request that the FCC not deregulate its media ownership policies, as proposed by Chairman Powell. We need more media regulation in our country, not less. Raising the cap on TV-station ownership from 35 to 45%, and eliminating the broadcast-newspaper cross-ownership rule, is not good for the industry and it's not good for the public. An unregulated environment would make it extremely unlikely that diversity, competition or localism would be promoted in the marketplace. As an example, look at the consolidation that's occurred in radio as a result of the deregulation brought about by the 1996 Telecom Act. Clear Channel owned 40 stations in 1996 - now it owns more than 1,200. That's less competition, less localism and less diversity. Please leave all current rules in place - they are there to provide a balanced and fair media.